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and disinfecting operations, and veterinary inspection of all livestock turned over to farm workers' cooperatives before the end of 1950. Furthermore, the Yayitsentrala (Egg Center) sections in charge of fattening poultry for export must be provided with veterinary personnel responsible for proper inoculation of the fowl.

The campaign must be concluded before 25 December 1950.

ADD NEW RECLAMATION CANALS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 24 Nov 50

Simultaneously with the completion of the reclamation-canal system across the Danubian lowland of Belen, another more extensive reclamation project is under way at the Brushlan lowland. Like the first project, it is being carried out chiefly by volunteer work brigades.

The system extends from Oryakhovo to the border of the Brushlan lowland. Work is proceeding at an intensive pace, and the canals already extend over many thousands of meters. The brigades, which come mainly from the villages of Ruse Okrug, are regularly exceeding their quotas and require only 6 days for assignments supposed to take 15 days. Since the arrival of political supervisors, the living conditions of the workers have also substantially improved. With regard to work and capital investment, the Brushlan lowland reclamation project may be rated as the second most important in the country, after Dimitrovgrad.

The reclamation system will cover 175,000 decarees of fertile lands which heretofore lacked embankments and were flooded by the Danube every year. One of the floating pumping stations will rest against the high bank of the river and, by means of its powerful machines, will absorb a considerable volume of water which a wide pipeline will conduct into a large basin, and through the main canal, to a second basin. At this point, another pumping station, located at the bottom of the lowland, will drive the water to a height of 52 meters and a system of secondary canals will direct it back to the Danube, thus providing irrigation of extensive stretches of land. During the spring floods which considerably raise the level of the river, the sluice of the first basin will be opened, the water will fill the basin under its own pressure and then stream down into the main canal. It is expected that the pumping stations will soon be provided with motors and will start operations on 1 May 1951.

The agricultural conditions of the area will undergo considerable change. Abundant corn crops, high-quality cotton, and Virginia tobacco will be cultivated, and 400-500 kilograms of rice will be harvested per decare. Extensive pastures and strawberry and raspberry plantations are planned throughout the area, and fruit trees are to be planted along the canals. The agricultural products will be exchanged for raw materials, machines, and spare parts, badly needed by Bulgarian industry.

The project is being conducted with considerable aid from the USSR. A number of Soviet specialists are acting as supervisors, headed by Engineer Shubladze, former deputy director of the Fargana canal project in the USSR. The electrical installations, pipes, and other equipment have also been provided by the USSR.

At present the excavation work is nearing conclusion and is expected to be completed within the next 7-8 days.

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CALL FOR AFFORESTATION VOLUNTEERS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 22 Nov 50

Stoyan Tonchev, secretary of the National Council of the Fatherland Front, recently issued an appeal urging all Front organizations to support the Ministry of Forestry in the fulfillment of the fall afforestation plan. The ministry is providing supervision, planting material, and equipment. However, a powerful propaganda campaign is necessary to recruit the proper manpower. All major organizations such as the Dimitrov Youth, the National Union of Bulgarian Women, trade unions, etc., must organize campaigns throughout the villages. A total of 291,870 man-days of voluntary labor must be provided by local brigades.

According to Tonchev, the treasury cannot dispense any special funds for the work as its resources are more urgently needed for the construction of important projects such as dams, plants, MTS, etc. Therefore all citizens are expected to enroll in voluntary afforestation work.

SCORE LOW STANDARD OF MEAT PRODUCTS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 23 Nov 50

An increasing quantity of meat products and sausage has recently been put on sale in the Sofia, Plovdiv, Cherven Bryag, and other areas. However, these products, especially the sausage, are mostly of very poor quality with a high water content, low fat content, inadequately cleaned casings, and many tendons. Furthermore, the meat products are not stored long enough to permit proper drying, and often reach their destination in a moldy condition.

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